
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
SISTER-STATE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE OF HAWAII AND
THE REGION OF GRAND CASABLANCA OF THE KINGDOM OF MOROCCO.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii maintains a heritage of international
2 participation and cultural sensitivity unparalleled in other
3 states due to its multicultural population since the days of the
4 Hawaiian monarchy; and

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6 WHEREAS, since 1981, the Legislature has instituted sister-
7 state relationships as a means of asserting the State's active
8 participation in international matters; and

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10 WHEREAS, Hawaii currently maintains 16 sister-state
11 relationships; and

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13 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that it is advantageous to
14 the State to continue to pursue sister-state relationships for
15 cultural and economic development purposes, with attention on
16 fostering the most productive relationships; and

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18 WHEREAS, Grand Casablanca is the largest and most densely
19 populated region and the economic and business center of the
20 Kingdom of Morocco; and

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22 WHEREAS, the City of Casablanca, within the Region of Grand
23 Casablanca, is the largest city in Morocco and one of the most
24 important cities in Africa, both economically and
25 demographically; and

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27 WHEREAS, Grand Casablanca has the largest shipping and
28 naval port and is the largest air transportation hub in North
29 Africa; and
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1 WHEREAS, Grand Casablanca has a very mild Mediterranean
2 climate due to the cool currents of the Atlantic Ocean and ranks
3 as the third best weather place in the world; and
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5 WHEREAS, Grand Casablanca is the business center for
6 Morocco's burgeoning tourist industry, with an increasing number
7 of beach resorts along the Atlantic Ocean; and
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9 WHEREAS, a relationship between Hawaii and the Kingdom of
10 Morocco began with the Millennium Young People's Congress in
11 1999; and
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13 WHEREAS, numerous other events and activities have occurred
14 to strengthen ties between Hawaii and the Kingdom of Morocco,
15 including an "Aloha Morocco Week" event held in 2007; and
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17 WHEREAS, a sister-state relationship between Hawaii and the
18 Province of Marrakesh of the Kingdom of Morocco was established
19 in 2012; and
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21 WHEREAS, a sister-state relationship between Hawaii and the
22 Region of Grand Casablanca will be highly beneficial in
23 expanding tourism and related work and advancing common goals of
24 international peace and brotherhood; now, therefore,
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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
27 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
28 Session of 2015, the Senate concurring, that the Governor is
29 requested to authorize the establishment of a sister-state
30 relationship, as advised by the Hawaii Sister State Committee,
31 between Hawaii and the Region of Grand Casablanca of the Kingdom
32 of Morocco; and
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
35 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the United States
36 Secretary of State; Ambassador of the Embassy of Morocco in
37 Washington, D.C.; Governor of Grand Casablanca; Consul General
38 of Morocco in Hawaii; Governor of the State of Hawaii; and
39 Chairperson of the Hawaii Sister State Committee.

